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Sent on behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG GOC

Colleagues,

**New information in bold as of 17:00 EST, 27 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to
officials with the need-to-know.**

NOTE:

As of 26 Feb, Key Points are distributed once per day; to be reassessed on Feb 28.

BLUF

- On 26 Feb, a convoy organizer was arrested and charged with mischief at the Vanleek Hill encampment. [Link](#)
- Multiple convoys reported in BC.
- The fenced in area in front of Parliament Hill has been further reduced to include Elgin St to Kent St along Wellington St. This area is open to pedestrian traffic only.
- The City of Ottawa's Roads Department continues to work on remediation efforts. This work should be completed by the evening of 27 Feb.
- Police are monitoring potential protests, as well as the various encampments within and outside of the City of Ottawa limits. Bylaw Officers will be in the downtown core to ticket vehicles parked illegally.
- Impacts to CI, with live data from the City of Ottawa: [Convoy webmap](#)

IMPACTED AREAS (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

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UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS LINKED TO "FREEDOM CONVOY" (derived from Open Sources)

Nationwide:

- "Freedom Chain": A call out to hold hands or link arms across Canada, using the Trans-Canada Highway is planned for 05 Mar. It is unclear at this time if this event will impact POEs or critical infrastructure. [Link](#)
- Social media is reporting an event starting 27 Feb entitled "*park all trucks until March 4th*". **As of 27 Feb, there is no media coverage on this matter.**

National Capital Region:

- There are approximately 100 vehicles staged on a few private sites outside of the downtown core including Vankleek Hill and Arnprior. Police resources continue to monitor the situation.
- **On 26 Feb, a convoy organizer was arrested and charged with mischief at the Vankleek Hill staging area.** [Link](#)

New Brunswick:

- An event called "Maritimers-Standing Up for Freedom" was scheduled to take place on 26 and 27 Feb in Bathurst. At this point, the intentions for this event are unknown. **As of 27 Feb, there is no media coverage on this matter.**

Newfoundland:

- Convoy and rally was being organized for 26 to 28 Feb commencing in Port-aux-Basques and ending in St. John's. **As of 27 Feb**, there is no media coverage on this matter.
- Newfoundland will be easing their COVID restrictions as of Feb 28. [Link](#)

Québec :

- "LE CONVOI DE LA LIBERTÉ 2022" is scheduled for 05 Mar. The specific location is unknown at this time.

Ontario :

- On Feb 26, a "slow roll" convoy with an estimated 100 vehicles drove through Peterborough. Police state the convoy adhered to all rules of the road; however, the organizer was arrested for an outstanding warrant. [Link](#)

Saskatchewan:

- As of 27 Feb, there is approx. 25 vehicles at an assembly site near the Northgate SK POE. No operational impacts to CBSA.

Alberta

- As of 27 Feb, the RCMP are monitoring a small assembly of approx. 28 vehicles in Milk River, AB (18km north of Coutts POE). No operational impacts to CBSA.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- The following possible events were reported 26 Feb:
 - *Chilliwack*: Convoy travelling from Chilliwack and continuing to Vancouver.
 - *Surrey*: Convoy from Guildford Mall and continuing to Vancouver.
 - *Campbell River*: Convoy to Victoria, BC. Counter demonstration groups were to attend.
 - *Vancouver*: Convoy and demonstrations near Vancouver Art Gallery, Burrard St. and Robson St.
 - *Salmo*: Freedom Rally at 12:00 PST. Exact location not provided.
 - *Osoyoos Border*: Convoy leaving Salmon Arm and arriving at the border around 14:15 PST.
 - *Roosville Border*: Convoys from the Highway 3 and Highway 93 junction to the border.
 - *100 Mile House*: Convoy from Williams Lake at 11:00 PST, arriving at 100 Mile House at 14:00 PST.
 - Anti-COVID truck convoy reported at the BC Legislature.

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE):

- **As per ITAC:**
 - Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
 - The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.

- **The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.**
- **IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.**

International:

- Convoys from across the U.S. are headed to Washington, with protests planned for next week. The Pentagon has approved the deployment of 700 unarmed National Guard troops to assist with traffic control during demonstrations. [Link](#)

Maritime/CCG:

- NSTR

Foreign Interference:

- **RRM Canada has not observed any indicator of Foreign state sponsored interference. No new updates to report.**
- RRM Canada has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-sponsored interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy".
- False, negative and misleading content surrounding the *Emergencies Act* and its powers continue to spread, albeit at lower levels as compared to peak periods during the protest. A significant portion of this discussion continues to come from domestic and transnational communities, including those sympathising with protesters, conspiracy-minded groups, and ideologically motivated networks.
- International networks and state-aligned media (e.g. those aligned with the Indian, Chinese and Russian governments) continue to engage in and cover the discussion, as well as amplify domestic and transnational narratives. These are operating at much lower levels as compared to the overall discussion, and shows some indications of a downward trend. This is likely associated with increased coverage of other international issues and general news/information cycles.

Financing:

- NSTR

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- No concerns at this time.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT (Derived from information available on open sources)

- **The “Freedom Convoy” protests appear to be losing momentum across the country with the exception of BC.**

Thank you.

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